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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Kuo-Liang Peng	Art Unit 1712

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/22/07 RCE.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 7-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 7-9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 20, 2006 has been entered. Claims 1-6 are deleted. Now, Claims 7-9 are pending.

2. Claim rejection(s) (except Claim 9) under 35 USC 102 and 103 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 091606) is/are removed.

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this action can be found in prior Office Action(s).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Rejection of Claim 8 under 35 USC 112 is maintained because the rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 4 of Paper No. 091606. Applicant's arguments

have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The focus argument related to the core patentability is discussed below.

For Applicants' argument (Remarks, page 4, last paragraph to page 5, 1st paragraph), Applicants are reminded that it is the **polyethersilicones**, rather than the **composition of matters**, that have the viscosities shown in Table 1

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Heisler (US 6 897 280) and optionally as evidenced by Ferro (Ferro Product Data Sheet for Triglyme, <http://www.ferro.com/NR/rdonlyres/0F9094C0-9FD9-436B-A3E8-82EB02135F45/3119/Triglymedatasheet1.pdf>).

For Claim 7, Heisler discloses a method of preparing a composition of matter comprising polyethersilicone by reacting a polyether having an unsaturated bond at an end thereof with a hydrogensilicone in the presence of a noble metal catalyst. The reaction mixture obtained is **directly** subjected to **vacuum** stripping. (col. 5, lines 58 to col. 6, line 30 and Examples) The polyether can be a polyoxyethylene containing an allyl or a methallyl group with a molecular weight of 204 Daltons, which reads on Applicants' polyether. (col. 7, lines 28-51) As such, the final product should contain the claimed level of unreacted polyether after vacuum stripping. For Claim 8, Heisler further teaches the use of a **hydrogensilicone** having a viscosity of **less than 1 centistoke (mm²/s)**. The hydrogensilicone further exemplified as **1,1,2,2-tetramethyldisiloxane** (col. 6, line 65 to col. 7, line 11) Furthermore, the polyoxyethylene containing an allyl or a methallyl group with a molecular weight of 204 Daltons contains about 3 repeating units of oxyethylene because the formula weight of the oxyethylene is 44. As such, the polyoxyethylene containing an allyl or a methallyl group with a molecular weight of 204 Daltons has a chemical structure of **triethylene glycol dialkyl ether**. In addition, Ferro teaches that the viscosity of a triethylene glycol dimethyl ether (Triglyme) is 3.8 centipose that is equivalent to about 3.8 centistoke (mm²/s) because the specific gravity thereof is 0.9862. Thus, the polyoxyethylene

containing an allyl or a methallyl group with a molecular weight of 204 Daltons should have a viscosity of **about 3.8 centistoke (mm²/s)**. Therefore, Heisler's hydrosilylation product derived from the 1,1,2,2-tetramethyldisiloxane (**viscosity of less than 1 mm²/s**) and the polyoxyethylene containing an allyl or a methallyl group with a molecular weight of 204 Daltons (**viscosity of about 3.8 mm²/s**) should have a viscosity **falling within the claimed range**. For Claim 9, Heisler further discloses a composition of matter comprising the polyethersilicone. (col. 11, line 55 to col. 12, line 13) Note that "solvent for an electrolytic solution" is merely an intended use, and does not carry any weight of patentability. See MPEP 2111.02.

8. Rejection of Claim 9 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ichinohe (US 5 288 831) is maintained because the rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 5 of Paper No. 091606. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The focus argument related to the core patentability is discussed below.

For Applicants' argument (Remarks, page 5, 2nd to 5th paragraphs), Ichinohe further teaches a solvent formulation for hair care, etc., comprising the polyether

silicone. Note that “for an electrolytic solution” is merely an intended use, and does not carry any weight of patentability. See MPEP 2111.02.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 5, 2007



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